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Colonel Robert D. (Bob) Peterson District Commander



Colonel Bob Peterson graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York in 1985 and subsequently commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

He has held a variety of command and staff assignments including a Combat Engineer Platoon Leader, Assault and Barrier Platoon Leader, and the Executive Officer in the 8th Engineer Battalion (Mechanized), 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood Texas. From 1989 to 1992, Colonel Peterson was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he served as the Battalion S4 for the 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne). While in Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Shield he became the Battalion Assistant S3 Construction Officer until assuming command of A Company 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne) during Operation Desert Storm. After Company Command he served a brief tour as an Operations & Plans Officer with the Deputy Chief of Staff of Engineering in the US Army Special Operations Command.

Follow on assignments included Chief Training Evaluator of an Operational Readiness Evaluation team with the 6th Army at Presidio of San Francisco; Project Engineer/Manager in the Savannah District, US Army Corps of Engineers; Director of Engineering for the U.S. Military Training Mission in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Engineer; the 37th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne) S3; and the 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment – DELTA (Airborne) Engineer Troop Commander. Colonel Peterson commanded the 577th Engineer Battalion at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri from 2003 to 2005. He then served as the Plans Chief for the Standing Joint Force Headquarters at USSOUTHCOM in Miami, FL before attending the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, PA and earning a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies. Colonel Peterson just completed a one year tour in Iraq as the Deputy C7 for Multi-National Corps – Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

His military education includes the Engineer Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses; the Combined Arms Service Staff School; the US Army Command and General Staff College; Joint Forces Staff College; the U.S. Army War College and the Basic Airborne and Jumpmaster Schools.

Awards include the Bronze Star Medal, three awards of the Defense Meritorious Serve Medal, six awards of the Meritorious Serve Medal, three awards of the Army Commendation Medal, two awards of the Army Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, and the Bronze Order of the deFleury Medal.

Colonel Peterson and his wife Rhonda have three sons: Bryan (Information Technology Specialist at Fort Leonard Wood, MO), Kyle (Sergeant in the 50th Signal Battalion, 35th Signal Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC, currently serving in Afghanistan), and Cullen (entering into 8th Grade).

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